

# Charter Ordinance 237



Law

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# Municipal Court Procedures



- Currently, Charter Ordinances 224 and 229 set forth procedures for the Municipal Court.
- Due to new records management systems for WPD and Municipal Court, revisions to the ordinances are required.



# Revisions



- Provide for electronic citations, warrants and signatures.
- Allow for traffic infractions and criminal misdemeanors to be charged on the same complaint.



# Court Service Officer Position



- Due to closure of warrant office, the ordinance, the position of court services officer is created.
- Executes Wichita Municipal Court Warrants.
- Serves traffic and criminal complaints.
- Fingerprints and transports defendants to and from the Sedgwick County Adult Detention Facility.



# Service of Complaints



- Municipal Court staff and private process servers, as approved by the Chief Judge, may serve notices to appear and criminal complaints.
- Currently, private process servers are only allowed to serve environmental complaints.



# Expungement Revisions



- Amendments reflect statutory changes regarding expungement of arrests and municipal court convictions.
- Provisions clarify that deferred judgments may be expunged in the same manner as diversions.



# Recommendations



- Approve the Ordinance and place on first reading.
- As the ordinance is a charter ordinance, it must be approved by a 2/3 vote of the City Council.
- Ordinance will be effective 61 days following its passage.



# Questions

